

## Quality of Service (QoS) Policies

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A rich set of characteristics that define the behaviour of the [Data Distribution Service \(DDS\)](#) systems (such as reliability, [liveliness](#), [durability](#), etc.). QoS Policies control the flow of the data through the system. The [Topic](#), [Data Reader](#), [Data Writer](#), [Publisher](#) and [Subscriber](#) all have QoS policies. The QoS policies of Publisher, DataWriter, and Topic control the data on the sending side. QoS policies of Subscriber, Data Reader, and Topic control the data on the receiving side. These must be of a compatible type for successful communication, i.e. a Publisher/DW with a BEST\_EFFORT QoS cannot send samples for a Topic with a RELIABLE QoS as it could degrade the Topic. However, a RELIABLE Publisher/DW can send samples for a BEST\_EFFORT Topic.

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